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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: IGS FUEL SHORTAGE

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A TELEX FROM PAA REQUESTING CONCURRENCE OF THE ALLIED CAA'S TO CANCEL THE FLIGHTS LISTED BELOW:

DECEMBER 1: 675/674 CGN, 719/718 STR

DECEMBER 2: 721/720 NUE, 731/730 MUC, 711/710 STR

DECEMBER 8: 655/654 HAJ, 675/674 CGN, 703/702 FRA, 727/726 NUE

743/742 MUC, 719/718 STR

DECEMBER 9: 721/720 NUE, 731/730 MUC, 711/710 STR

DECEMBER 15: 727/726 NUE, 719/718 STR

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THE TELEX EXPLAINS THAT THESE CANCELLATIONS WERE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF GREATLY REDUCED FUEL DELIVERIES AND WERE CHOSED BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY LOW PASSENGER UTILIZATION IN PAST YEARS. PAA BELIEVES THAT THROUGH THESE CANCELLATIONS IT WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE ENOUGH FUEL TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF ITS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EXTRA SECTION PROGRAM. THE MESSAGE CONCLUDED WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT
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QUOTE WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WE MAY NOT HAVE TO ASK FOR

FURTHER CANCELLATIONS OR SUSPENSIONS DURING DECEMBER 1973 AL-
THOUGH OUR FUEL SUPPLY SITUATION IS EXTREMELY CRITICAL. END QUOTE

2. WE HAVE PASSED ALONG PAA'S LIST OF PROPOSED CANCELLATIONS TO THE BRITISH AND FRENCH CAA'S STRESSING THAT THE SITUATION HAS BEEN CAUSED BY SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN JET FUEL DELIVERIES TO PAA. WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED THE CANCELLATIONS WITH FONOFF OFFICIALS JIRKA AND KRONECK, FMT OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR BERLIN MATTERS STOLTENHOFF, AS WELL AS WITH FMT CIVAIR DIRECTOR REHM. WHILE THE FONOFF OFFICIALS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT CANCELLATIONS ON THE IGS WERE ON PRINCIPLE REGRETTABLE FROM A POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW, THE GENERAL TENOR OF THE RESPONSES FROM FRG OFFICIALS WAS REASONABLY RELAXED. ALTHOUGH WE EMPHASIZED THESE REDUCTIONS WERE THE RESULT OF SHORTFALL IN FUEL DELIVERIES TO PAA, THE GERMAN OFFICIALS CLEARLY DID NOT SEE SITUATION AS SERIOUS ENOUGH TO WARRANT CONSIDERATION OF FRG ACTION RE FUEL ALLOCATIONS. FONOFF TSFICIAL JIRKA SAID THAT HE COULD UNDERSTAND THE ECONOMIC BASIS FOR PAA'S DECISION AND THAT SPEAKING PERSONALLY HE COULD SEE NO POSSIBILITY OF FRG INTERVENTION IN THE IGS FUEL SITUATION, AT LEAST UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. THE NUMBER OF CANCELLATIONS (A TOTAL OF 19 FLIGHTS) THAT PAA IS PRESENTLY ASKING FOR IS SOMEWHAT GREATER THAN WE WERE LED TO BELIEVE WOULD BE THE CASE YESTERDAY. SINCE IMMEDIATE ACTION WAS REQUIRED, HOWEVER, WE RECOMMENDED TO THE BRITISH AND FRENCH CAA'S THAT THE REDUCTIONS BE APPROVED WITH THE PROVISIO THAT SHOULD EXTRA FUEL BECOME AVAILABLE TO PAA DURING DECEMBER, WE WOULD WANT TO REVIEW THE SITUATION AGAIN.

4. BOTH FRENCH AND BRITISH APPROVED THE CANCELLATIONS AND THE EMBASSY HAS INFORMED PAN AMERICAN.HILLENBRAND

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